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IN RE THE GRANDPARENT-GRANDCHILD )  
CONTACT OF )

W.B.S., AND D.C.S., )

Minor Children, )

TANYA N. SPAULDING, )

Appellant, )

-and- )

SHARON K. SNYDER, )

Appellee. )

Affidavit of Tanya N. Spaulding

STATE OF MONTANA )

: ss.

County of Yellowstone )

I, TANYA N. SPAULDING, being first duly sworn, do depose and state as follows:

1. I am the Appellant in this case and Sharon K. Snyder is the Appellee.
2. I am the natural mother and custodian of my children W.B.S., and D.C.S.
3. My former husband Andrew, who is the children's father, died June 7, 2006, from

acute pancreatitis.

4. Sharon is the paternal grandmother of my children and the mother of the children's deceased father.

5. I signed a Stipulation in this case on May 22, 2008, granting Appellee Sharon Snyder specific periods of grandparent visitation on weekends, holidays and during the summer.

6. When I signed the Stipulation, I was pressured by Sharon to agree and was afraid to go to Court against her because she intimidated me.

7. I signed the Stipulation in her attorney's office so she would not take me to Court.

8. When Sharon first started the legal action for grandparent contact, I was represented by an attorney; but I was no longer represented by an attorney when I signed the Stipulation.

9. I signed the Stipulation because I did not want to fight Sharon and just hoped she would be a grandmother to my children and not interfere in my parenting.

10. During the 2008-2009 school year, my son W.B.S. was in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and he began exhibiting very strange behavior.

11. He would refuse to go to school about three times per week; he would become angry and physically violent when I stopped him from playing video games which his grandmother allowed him to play; he told me he did not love me anymore and wanted to live with his grandmother.

12. When I asked him about his behavior he refused to communicate with me.

13. I learned that Sharon told my kids that I was responsible for their father's death and to keep it secret from me.

14. During the summer of 2009, Sharon's daughter, Pamela Wright, showed me a book that Sharon wrote about her life story that disturbed me a great deal because in the book she says she

believes that my son W.B.S is a “crystal child” with psychic powers.

15. I do not believe that a specific schedule of grandparent visitation between my children and Sharon is best for them because Sharon is interfering in my parenting by presenting my children with information and beliefs that I disagree with.

16. Sharon encouraged my children to be deceptive toward me and to lie about what she tells them.

17. Sharon has a history of mental illness and she tried to commit suicide in 2005.

18. Her daughter Pam Wright was appointed guardian and conservator and the conservatorship ended in 2008.

19. Sharon had serious financial problems including writing bad checks on fictitious bank accounts.

20. I do not trust Sharon any longer and believe no further contact should occur.

21. I am not doing this to harm Sharon or the relationship between she and my children, but believe it is necessary to protect my children.

22. I am doing this because she is instilling my children, and especially my son W.B.S., with information and beliefs that I feel are detrimental to my children.

23. My husband died from acute pancreatitis and I believe Sharon’s statements to my children are harmful to my children and to my relationship with them.

24. When I confronted Sharon with my concerns and told her I wanted to cease contact because she was telling my children things that were harmful to them, she refused and stated she would take me to Court, hold me in contempt and that I could be imprisoned.

25. She said she could not help that my son was a “crystal child” and that she would be

a guide to him.

26. Sharon is undermining my parenting, telling my children inappropriate things and using bad judgment.

27. I do not feel she should be around my children at this time; and as their mother, I wish to terminate the contact and the Stipulation and Order in this case.

28. I attach to this Affidavit:

- a) my email to Sharon on August 17, 2009, and her email response;
- b) the letter from Sharon and her husband to me dated August 19, 2009; and
- c) Sharon's email to me dated August 21, 2009..

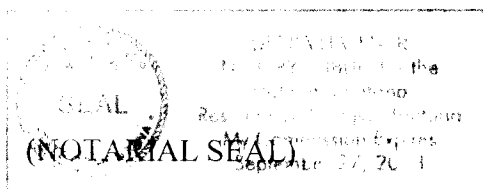
29. I am facing a second contempt charge pursued by Sharon.


30. I do not believe I should have to go to jail or pay fines because of my parenting decisions and doing what I believe is right and best for my children.

DATED this 15 day of February, 2010.

  
TANYA N. SPAULDING

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 15 day of February, 2010.



  
Print: Debra Haffner  
Notary Public for the State of Montana  
Residing at Billings, Montana  
My Commission Expires: September 27, 2013

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have filed a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Motion for Stay of District Court Order with the Clerk of the Montana Supreme Court; and that I have served true and accurate copy upon each attorney of record and each party not represented by an attorney in the above-referenced Supreme Court action, via first-class U.S. mail, on the date written below, as follows:

Kevin T. Sweeney  
Attorney at Law  
1250 15<sup>th</sup> Street West, Suite 202  
Billings, Montana 59102

Honorable Gregory R. Todd  
Yellowstone County Courthouse  
Department 5, Room 608  
Billings, Montana 59101

Dated this 16 day of February, 2010.



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Benjamin J. LaBeau,  
Attorney for Appellant

## Re: Your book

From: **Sharon Snyder** (sharonsname@yahoo.com)

Sent: Mon 8/17/09 9:11 AM

To: Tanya Reeder (tanyaspauldo@hotmail.com)

Tanya I would do nothing to hurt the boys, I don't know where you got the book but that is neither here nor there. Please do not do this, it isn't good for boys as we have a strong relationship. You promised that you would never do this again. I don't try to change anyones religious beliefs and the fact that I see William as a crystal child has nothing to do with the other. He is a special child and you already know that. Please reconsider and let me know soon. Again you promised not to do this.

Sharon

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**From:** Tanya Reeder <tanyaspauldo@hotmail.com>

**To:** Sharon Short <sharonsname@yahoo.com>; sharons222@excite.com

**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2009 8:34:37 AM

**Subject:** Your book

I have been pondering this for some time now. I guess when you came over to talk to me about the organization and the boys. I have prayed a lot about this. I have read parts of your book about william and being a crystal child. Sharon these things concern me a great deal. You are a vocal person when it comes to your beliefs and I fear this when my sons come over. You are clearly apostate and when my sons go over there they are in spiritual harm. I love my sons with all my heart I know this organization that you hate so much is the right one and the truth. I love you and I wish you the best but I don't think it is a good idea the boys or I associate with you. I'm sorry but this is what I have to do to protect my children. Please think of this from my perspective.

tanya

George & Sharon Snyder  
6345 Pleasant Hollow Trail  
Shepherd, MT 59079

August 19, 2009  
Certified Mail 7008 1830 0001 9480 5079

Tanya n. Spaulding  
1011 Avenue E  
Billings, MT 59102

Dear Tanya,

In response to your "E" Mail we are at a loss about your attitude. For the last year and a half we have been one happy family. The boys have been able to come over with no problem. You have asked us to look after them from time to time and we were happy to do that.

As you requested we have never spoken about religion to the boys and never will. The feelings that we have about the Witnesses are kept to ourselves and are not brought up with the boys. It is your responsibility as a parent to look after their medical needs, their schooling and there religious upbringing. We have not interfered with your decisions and never will. We for our part would like to continue with the arrangement as it stands.

As far as William being a Crystal child, it is not our fault, he was born that way. Like puberty, as he grows older he will grow in his abilities. Nothing anyone does will prevent this. It seems that you, as a responsible parent, would see to it that he received all the help he can, to get through this, his learning experience. His grandmother and William have a bond and, as Sharon has friends that also have Crystal children, she is able to help him to understand what he is going through and give him some guidance. We only hope that you will be willing to let Sharon give William that help and guidance.

Now for the tough love. If the above explanation is not enough to let things go on as usual then we have no choice but to remind you of the court order that you agreed to and we will proceed with having that court order enforced. We went to court so that Sharon would be able to have visitation rights and have contact with her son's sons. We will never give up that right. We are praying that it does not come to that.

We are sending this letter certified mail so that there is no chance of you not receiving it. We are asking that we pick up the boys on Friday the 21, about noon, and returning them Sunday morning by 9:30, in time for meeting. We are enclosing the court order for your convenience.

Love,  
Sharon & George

*Sharon & George*

Boys

From: **Sharon Snyder** (sharonsname@yahoo.com)

Sent: Fri 8/21/09 5:25 PM

To: tanyaspauldo@hotmail.com

Tanya,

We stopped by to pick up the boys this afternoon as outlined in our letter to you. No one was home. We intent to try again at

10:00 AM Saturday morning as permitted by the court order that you signed. If we are unable to pick them up you will leave us

no choice but to have our attorney petition the judge to find you in Contempt of a Court Order. If you are convicted of Contempt

of Court you could be subject to a fine or even imprisonment, we are hoping that it does not come to this. See you at 10:00 in

the morning.

Sharon and George